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Using an Unofficial Website Could Jeopardize or Delay Benefits

The Montana Department of Labor & Industry wants to remind those who file online for their unemployment insurance benefits, that the department's website <http://www.dli.mt.gov> is Montana's official source for services and information provided by the department, and UI4U.mt.gov is the only place to apply online for unemployment benefits.

State services are free, but some external, independent websites may charge for a link to Montana's benefit application, or provide unemployment compensation information or assistance that may be false or misleading. These external sites may look official but are not. Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly says, "While there have been no reported incidents of this happening in Montana, it is happening in other states and we want to be proactive about protecting our clients. People should be wary of websites that appear to offer applications for benefits when in fact they do not. Using an unofficial website could result in an unnecessary fee, delay benefits or jeopardize an applicant's eligibility."

The Montana Department of Labor offers a full range of services free of charge, including unemployment benefits for those who lose jobs through no fault of their own, and career services for those who wish to find a job, improve their skills or find a better job.

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